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Case 2104A

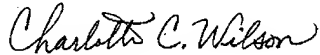
**CONCLUSION**

Reconsideration of pending Claims 1-6, 8-9, 20-22, and 31, in light of the remarks submitted on November 21, 2003, is respectfully requested. It is believed that the Claims are now presented in the proper format and that they are in condition for allowance, and such action is hereby earnestly solicited.

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